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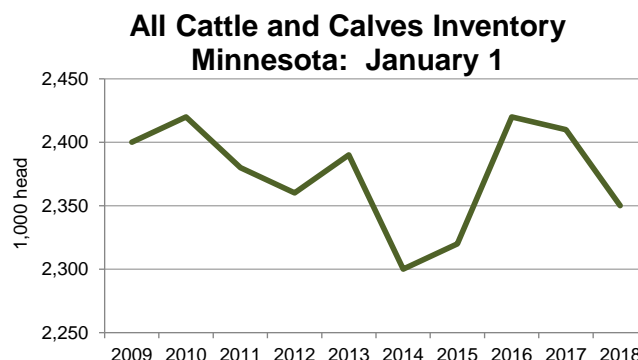
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All cattle and calves in Minnesota as of January 1, 2018, totaled 2.35 million head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle* report. This was down 2 percent from January 1, 2017. **Beef cows**, at 365,000 head, were down 1 percent from last year. **Milk cows**, at 455,000, were also down 1 percent from last year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 565,000 head, were up 2 percent from last year. **Heifers for beef cow replacement** were up 5,000 head at 100,000 head; **heifers for milk cow replacement**, at 290,000 head, were down 2 percent from the previous year; and **all other heifers** were up 6 percent to 175,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 5 percent from last year to 475,000 head. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** were unchanged at 35,000 head. **Calves under 500 pounds** on January 1, 2018, totaled 455,000 head, down 7 percent from last year.

The 2017 **calf crop** was estimated at 790,000 head, down 1 percent from last year. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2018, totaled 395,000 head, up 5 percent from one year ago.



Cattle and Calves, Number by Class – Minnesota and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

Class	Minnesota			United States		
	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves	2,410	2,350	98	93,705	94,399	101
All cows that have calved	830	820	99	40,559	41,123	101
Beef cows	370	365	99	31,213	31,723	102
Milk cows	460	455	99	9,346	9,400	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	555	565	102	20,132	20,245	101
For beef cow replacement	95	100	105	6,368	6,131	96
For milk cow replacement	295	290	98	4,754	4,781	101
Other heifers	165	175	106	9,010	9,332	104
Steers 500 pounds and over	500	475	95	16,384	16,352	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	35	35	100	2,244	2,252	100
Calves under 500 pounds	490	455	93	14,386	14,427	100
Cattle on feed ¹	375	395	105	13,067	14,006	107

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

Calf Crop – Minnesota and United States: 2016 and 2017

	Minnesota			United States		
	2016	2017	2017 as % of 2016	2016	2017	2017 as % of 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Calf crop	800	790	99	35,093	35,808	102

United States Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 94.4 million head, 1 percent above the 93.7 million head on January 1, 2017.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were 1 percent above the 40.6 million head on January 1, 2017. Beef cows, at 31.7 million head, were up 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.40 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 20.2 million head, 1 percent above the 20.1 million head on January 1, 2017. Beef replacement heifers, at 6.13 million head, were down 4 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.78 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.33 million head, were 4 percent above a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 16.4 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2017.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 2.25 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2017.

Calves under 500 pounds, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 14.4 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2017.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.0 million head on January 1, 2018. The inventory is up 7 percent from the January 1, 2017 total of 13.1 million head. Cattle on feed, in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, accounted for 82.0 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2018, up 1 percent from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) is 26.1 million head, 2 percent below one year ago.

The 2017 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 35.8 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2017 were estimated at 26.0 million head, up 2 percent from the first half of 2016. Calves born during the second half of 2017 were estimated at 9.81 million head, 27 percent of the total 2017 calf crop.

All Cattle and Calves Inventory – United States: January 1

Million head

